UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

| In re: |) | |
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| |) | AWG Docket No. 10-0263 |
| Gene Huffman |) | |
| |) | Order Dismissing Case |
| Petitioner |) | Without Prejudice |

The hearing by telephone was scheduled for August 19, 2010. Gene Huffman, also known as Gene E. Huffman, Petitioner ("Petitioner Huffman") failed to appear (by telephone; Petitioner Huffman was not available at a telephone number where he could be reached). Petitioner Huffman is reportedly still not available for a telephone hearing.

Accordingly, this case is DISMISSED, without prejudice to Petitioner Huffman to request a hearing timely, should garnishment be noticed.

Rural Development, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is the Respondent ("USDA Rural Development") and is represented by Mary E. Kimball.

The address for USDA Rural Development for this case is

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Petitioner Huffman requested the hearing, indicating "I do not owe the debt." USDA Rural Development prepared for Petitioner Huffman a Narrative with five exhibits (RX-1 through RX-5) that detail the existence and amount of the debt. Petitioner Huffman is welcome to contact USDA Rural Development (contact information shown above) to obtain a copy of the Narrative and five exhibits.

This is Petitioner Huffman's case (he filed the Petition), and he is obligated to apprise USDA Rural Development or those collecting on its behalf, of any changes in his mailing address; delivery address for commercial carriers such as FedEx or UPS; FAX number(s); phone number(s); and e-mail address(es).

Copies of this Order Dismissing Case Without Prejudice shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 21st day of October 2010

s/ Jill S. Clifton

Jill S. Clifton Administrative Law Judge

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